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(\* Again and as always, we thank you. This ends the closed \*)  
(\* circuit with Newsline report number 967 for release on Friday, \*)

(\* February 23rd, 1996 to follow. \*)  
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The following is a QST

Ham radio faces Mother Nature in the Pacific Northwest and the Dayton CBER arrested for TVI speaks out. These stories and more on Newsline report number 967 coming your way right now!

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#### NORTHWEST STORMS

As flood waters receded in the Pacific Northwest, ham radio operators continued their efforts to provide relief workers with emergency communications.

For the third time in as many months, the Pacific Northwest has been hit by the forces of nature, and amateur radio was there to help. After high winds in December and ice storms in January, early February saw a period of relentless rain that caused many rivers in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington to swell past flood stage. Even as the President was making his rounds of the stricken area, hams were active in their ARES and RACES support roles.

We spoke with Lew Williams, WB7NML, who is the ARES Section Emergency Coordinator, who told us that numerous county ARES and RACES Programs were involved.

"There were probably 19, no 21 counties that were activated, and there were, I don't know, 4 or 5 others that were on standby." Williams

The extreme flooding posed many problems for both amateurs and rescue personnel alike. Lew described some of the difficulties for us.

"There were situations that were where hams were helping out with four wheelers. They had to, you know the people with four wheel drives that were helping on evacuations, etc. Wasco County, they lost all their roads. The streams wiped out a bunch of the roads and they had to evacuate the nursing home with snow cats, would you believe." Williams

Hams linked rescue workers in the field to local EOC's, as well as linking the EOC's together, and to the state emergency operations center as well. This was not always easy, as many of the facilities had their own problems.

"The main generator failed and they brought in another one and it

almost went down so they were almost, in that particular incidence were almost relying on the hams because of their portability."  
Williams

Hams involved in the emergency knew how to adapt when things didn't go well. Generators weren't the only equipment to fail. Some of the radios didn't fare so well either...

"The HF radio in the particular EOC'S wouldn't operate and so they were operating portable out with the VHF out to someone with HF to maintain contact with the Oregon Emergency Management Division."  
Williams

Even with the difficult conditions and equipment failures, Lew says that northwest amateur radio operators came through when needed. Lew says that the lessons learned by the hundreds of amateurs involved in the disaster will be evaluated just as if this had been a training exercise, and the information will be put to use refining the state's emergency communications program to further improve the hams service to the public.

It's been an exceptionally wet winter in the Pacific Northwest. More storms are being predicted and hams could be kept busy until spring.

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#### MOTOROLA to IARN: RETURN OUR GEAR

The International Amateur Radio Network has been asked to return a 150 MHz Motorola repeater, a dozen handheld radios and a power generator loaned to the Red Cross by the IARN in the aftermath of Hurricane Marilyn. The W5YI Report says that Motorola wants the equipment back so that it can be replaced in the company's emergency inventory for future use.

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#### ELECTRONIC RENEWAL

The FCC will not renew your license electronically. So says the ARRL's Regulatory Information Branch in response to several recent queries. The League says that you can now download the Form 610 from the FCC fax-on-demand service or from the FCC's home page on the World Wide Web.

The FCC now only renews a ham radio license if an application is received within 90 days before or two years after the expiration date. It will not be renewed if submitted earlier. And, if you apply for renewal after your license has expired, you may not operate until the application has been processed.

As announced last year, there is really no good reason for a person not to renew his or her license prior to expiration. Since last fall, the FCC has been sending out a mail in reminder called Form 610-R. You should receive it at least 90 days before your ticket expires. If all of the information is correct, you just need to sign the form and return it. If for some reason you do not get a Form 610-R, a regular Form 610 is okay to use.

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#### DAYTON CB'ER SPEAKS OUT

A Dayton, Ohio area Citizens Radio operator who was jailed for causing TVI says that his neighbors never really complained about TVI before calling in the local police. Is this a case of an over zealous police department or is it justice gone sour? Amateur News Weekly sorts out the details in this half time report:

"On December 9th, 1995 a Morrain, Ohio CB operator, Steve Hollbrook was arrested for causing interference to his upstairs neighbors. He was charged with interfering with a public service, a third degree felony with no bond and was held in jail until Monday, December 11th when the Montgomery County Prosecutor declined to press charges. On Wednesday, February 7th, 1996 Steve Hollbrook appeared in Kettering, Ohio Municipal Court where the case was transferred, due to a conflict of interest of a personal nature with officials in the Morrain City government. The charges of interfering with a public service were dropped, apparently because these matters were beyond the city of Morrains jurisdiction. However, part of the original complaint had to do with what Mr. Hollbrook said over his radio in reference to his neighbors. On the basis of those words, which the neighbors taped from their TV, the Morrain City Prosecutor decided with the legal action. Officials offered Mr. Hollbrook the opportunity to plead to a reduced charge, a minor misdemeanor. After consulting with legal counsel, Mr. Hollbrook pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 plus court costs, with \$50 of the fine suspended.

Steve's reason for pleading guilty was to get this matter over with. So he could move on and examine his options toward the future. He is currently consulting with his attorney and declines to be more specific as to what his options may be.

One of the things Steve remembers the most is his approximately 48 hours behind bars for this incident. To this day, he is still not entirely sure why things went as far as they did.

"You know, like I said the whole weekend, sitting there. I kept asking myself, Why am I here? And you know my wife kept telling me you are in the right, just be patient. You know it is hard to be patient when you are sitting there behind these bars." Hollbrook

There are many twists and turns behind the scenes in this story. According to Steve, when he originally installed his CB, his wife checked with all the neighbors in the building to see if anyone was experiencing interference. When that proved to be the case, some antenna work was done, additional filtering was installed and offers were made to supply filters to the neighbors if the problem reoccurred. That offer was never taken up by anyone. Because until the day of his arrest, Steve claims that at no time did anyone in his building ever complain to him about interference. His neighbors comments that interference had been going on for two months to the police leave him totally baffled to why they never spoke to him or his wife about the problem.

The case has been settled to the satisfaction of the City of Morrain. Whether everything has been settled to the satisfaction of Steve Hollbrook remains to be seen. Steve is greatly appreciative to the local amateur community and to the American Radio Relay League for informational assistance and moral support during the case.

As an aside, Steve Hollbrook told Charlie Kotterman that he really enjoys electronic communications. And as a result of the support shown him by the Dayton ham community, he is already at work studying to get his own amateur radio license.

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#### N6NHG ARRAIGNMENT AGAIN DELAYED

The arraignment of alleged computer hacker Kevin David Mitnick, N6NHG has again been delayed. Several Los Angeles news outlets reported on February 20th that Mitnick's arraignment will likely occur at the end of March. This, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Painter will indicate that this will give lawyers more time to try to reach a plea agreement.

Mitnick became a federal fugitive in 1992 when he violated the terms of his probation by leaving Southern California. He was arrested last February in North Carolina, after federal investigators tracked him to a rented apartment near Raleigh.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer is presiding over Mitnick's Los Angeles case and will probably preside over his North Carolina case as well. Under federal guidelines, if Mitnick pleads guilty to the North Carolina charges in Los Angeles, he may be sentenced by a local judge. If he pleads not guilty, he will be sent to North Carolina for trial.

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#### HAM RADIO FOILS THEFT ATTEMPT

And two Kansas hams are heroes after stopping another kind of computer crime. Zachary Canright, KB0GMC, and Beryl Masters, WB0EJJ, recently

helped police in Overland Park, Kansas, nab three teenagers trying to make a getaway with \$7,500 worth of computers allegedly stolen from a local store. Canright's attention was first drawn by the teens' peculiar behavior as they loaded the computer equipment onto a truck. He then noticed the vehicle had no plates and used his mobile radio and a local repeater to contact Masters. Masters directed police to a shopping center lot where Canright had followed the youths and witnessed them attaching plates to the pickup. Police arrested the three teens and charged them with felony theft.

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#### BOSNIA RADIO

Hams have assisted the Army test a Bosnia-bound mobile AM radio station. Fred Cresce, KC4MOP, Steve Ickes, WB3HUZ, Ken Moffat, N3EAR, and Paul Courson, WA3VJB, staffed a new mobile Army Broadcast Service station at Fort Meade while it operated on 1670 kHz and identified as ABS Radio.

Regular listeners to Newsline probably recognize the name Paul Courson from reports he has done for us. In real life, Paul is a broadcaster with Dow Jones. He tells Newsline that the station took to the air on February 5th and operated around the clock for several days. He says that he and the other hams were brought in to help specifically because of their interest and experience in using AM on the amateur bands.

The 5000 watt ABS transmitter went on the air using a 150 foot high vertical antenna the hams helped set up and tune. The station broadcast from Fort Meade until February 9th. It was then packed up for transport to Bosnia. There it will be set up to entertain and inform US troops stationed with the peace keeping force.

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#### NEWSLINE JOINS TAPR AUDIO WEBSITE

Tucson Amateur Packet Radio has added Newsline to its audio site on the world wide web. According to Greg Jones, WD5IVD, all bulletins on the system are encoded using Real Audio type technology. Greg says that he plans on keeping the weekly announcements on the system for sometime.

The Universal Resource Locator for the TAPR web site is a long and complex one so we won't try to give it here. To get it, drop a note to Greg via the internet to:

[gjones@tenet.edi](mailto:gjones@tenet.edi)

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#### TWIAR BACK



And a belated welcome back to the satellite to our friends in Albany, New York who produce "This Week in Amateur Radio". The program returned to satellite distribution on Saturday, January 27th.

This Week in Amateur Radio is carried by the "Tech Talk Network" on Telesat Canada Anik E2 communications satellite. The network will utilize transponder 18 with 5.8 MHz wideband analog audio. Anik E2 is located at 107.3 degrees west longitude in equatorial geosynchronous orbit and provides excellent coverage of North America with spot beams aimed at Alaska and Hawaii.

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#### KITSAT HOT

In ham radio space related news, AMSAT North America reports that Kitsat-Oscar 23's transmitter efficiency went down during January because its orbit configuration offered no eclipse period and no time to cool down. The additional heating resulted in a degradation of efficiency.

KO-23 is a packet store-and-forward satellite. The spacecraft is a cooperative effort between Korea and the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom.

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#### DECLASSIFIED LAUNCH

The February 1996 issue of Popular Mechanics includes a feature article by Philip Chien, KC4YER on the now declassified Corona spacecraft project. In his story, Chien notes that the very first OSCAR satellite was a piggyback payload on the Discoverer 36 mission, which was actually the cover name for the Corona series of spy satellites!

The article includes a fairly good artist's rendition of what the Agena upper stage looked like in space. From what Phil understands, the OSCAR payload was attached to the launch vehicle in place of where ballast would have normally been.

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#### VATICAN BEACON

From the international desk comes word that a new 6 meter beacon is on the air from Vatican City. On Sunday, 4th February a new beacon was activated from the location of HV3SJ. Its operating frequency is 50.004 MHz, shifting 800 Hz upward depending on temperature at the site. The power output is 10 watts to 5 element Tonna beam aimed towards the United Kingdom. An omni will be installed as soon as weather allows. This beacon should be of particular interest as no beacon has been active from Italy on 6 meters until now.

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DX

In DX, 9J2B0 is quite active from Zambia on all bands. Look for hi, on 3.505 MHZ at 04:15 UTC and 10.103 MHZ at 05:20 UTC. QSL to:

Brian Otter  
P.O. Box 34554  
Lusaka, Zambia

Effective immediately, requests for any of the 4U1UN cards or any of their special callsigns such as 4U50UN should be sent to WB8LF0. The use of the W8CZN mail drop has been discontinued.

And T30DP is currently on Kanton Central Kiribati. Reports indicate that he will be active as T30DP/T31 on 20 meters only. QSL via VK4CRR.

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NEW CALL - OLD CALL

And finally, this from Dick Flanagan, W6OLD who reports the story of Dick Creley, KB7UUK, a ham who wanted a new call sign. Not wanting to wait for the FCC's Vanity program to arrive, Creley started working his way through the General and Advanced requirements in order to qualify for one of those nice 2 by 2 Advanced callsigns.

Well, we are glad to report that he made it! The former KB7UUK now has his new call. Want to guess what it is? Try KJ7UK.

Makes you kind of wonder if the FCC's computer isn't programmed with a strange sense of humor.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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For now, with Bill Pasternak WA6ITF at our editors desk, we at NEWSLINE say 73 and we thank you for listening.

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